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REFERENCE TO KOROLEV, POPOV AND IGNATENKO (1944)

From: ISTANBUL

To: MOSCOW

No: 138-139

8 Sept. 44

[2-part message complete]

To VIKTOR[i].

[Part I]

The Ambassador

[14 groups unrecovered]

[56 groups unrecoverable]

13th August the [B^r Ambassador]

[25 groups unrecovered]

KOROLEV[iii] Secretary POPOV[iii]

[96 groups unrecovered]

the Ambassador was

[16 groups unrecoverable]

[35 groups unrecovered]

[Continued overleaf]

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[Part II]

The probationer [STAZHER] [✓]IGNATENKO[iv] who left by air

[10 groups unrecovered]

. The Ambassador received

[47 groups unrecoverable]

[21 groups unrecovered]

to the account of the Society [ORShchEST70].

[51 groups unrecoverable]

[At midnight] called in at the club in a drunken condition and causing those present to smile

[40 groups unrecoverable]

[B# No. 161]

VALENTIN[v]

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt.-Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] KOROLEV: Possibly Ivan KOROLEV who was in TURKEY in 1946 and is known to have been a 2nd Secretary at the ISTANBUL Embassy in 1949.

[iii] POPOV: Possibly Mikhail POPOV who was in TURKEY in 1946 and is known to have been a 3rd Secretary at the Embassy in 1949.
Possibly Boris Aleksandrovich IGNATENKO

[iv] IGNATENKO: Unidentified. First occurrence.

[v] VALENTIN: Unidentified ^{signatory and address} ~~cover name. Also occurs in ESTANBUL's~~ message No. 103 of 13 July 1944 (3/NBP/T-336), No. 1 of 2nd Jan. 1945 (3/NBP/T-049) and ~~MESENE's message No. 111 of 15th Aug. 1944 (3/NBP/T-313).~~